

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method and a device for braiding a rigid foam core ~~(12)~~ with a braided structure with ~~consisting~~ at least largely of heavy-duty fibers and having regions with a differing number of layers. The device has a braiding machine, a linear displacing apparatus ~~(10)~~ between the core ~~(12)~~ and the braiding machine and a guiding apparatus for temporarily placing at least one element ~~(32, 34, 36, 38)~~ onto the uppermost layer of the braided structure in an automated manner, the at least one element ~~(32, 34, 36, 38)~~ having on the end face a defined stiff edge about which a braiding reversal may be created.

~~[Figure 1]~~